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**WORCESTER** — The Baker-Polito Administration announced today the awarding of \$7.48 million in Workforce Training Fund Program (WTFP) Grants that will fund training for almost 6,000 workers and is expected to create more than 1,100 new jobs in the Commonwealth over the next two years.

The 68 awarded grants involving 84 companies will fund customized training for current and newly hired workers across Massachusetts. That training promotes job growth, retention, and increased opportunity for workers by enhancing businesses' productivity and their ability to grow their business in Massachusetts.

"The hardworking people of Massachusetts are the foundation of a resilient and thriving economy, and this program is an ongoing investment in our people and our businesses to bolster that foundation," said Governor Charlie Baker.

"In a tight labor market, supporting Massachusetts businesses that help their employees' professional growth is helping to close the gap between employer needs and worker skills and is critical to our continued economic growth," said Lieutenant Governor Karen Polito.

The Workforce Training Fund is a program of the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development and is administered by Commonwealth Corporation, a quasi-public state agency that fosters partnerships between industry, education, and workforce organizations.

The Secretary of Labor and Workforce Development, Rosalin Acosta, noted, "An important part of our job is to make sure more of our businesses of any size are able to access this great resource. More than two-thirds of the businesses served by these grants are small businesses."

"The productive partnerships made possible by the Workforce Training Fund Program ensure that Massachusetts employers have the best trained workforce in the country, and that our workers develop the skills that allow them to improve and advance their careers," said Commonwealth Corporation President and CEO J.D. LaRock.

The announcement of this round of grant awards, totaling \$7,482,641 was made at Zildjian Cymbal Company in Norwell, the largest cymbal manufacturer in the world and fifth

largest Massachusetts company that is minority/women-owned and operated. Zildjian was awarded a grant of \$70,000 in August 2018 to train 113 workers on lean manufacturing, delivered by Greater Boston Manufacturing Partnership (GBMP).

Since the beginning of the Baker-Polito Administration, the Workforce Training Fund has awarded 661 grants totaling over \$57 million to train more than 50,000 workers from over 800 different Massachusetts businesses. This is expected to result in over 6,000 new jobs.

The Workforce Training Fund provides General Program grants ranging from \$10,000 to \$250,000 to companies in Massachusetts to pay for employee training over a two-year period. Grant recipients contribute a matching investment of at least one dollar for each grant-dollar awarded, with wages paid to trainees during training hours included in that investment.

Approximately \$6.9 million is currently available for additional Workforce Training Fund grants. Businesses are encouraged to visit [WorkforceTrainingFund.org](http://workforcetrainingfund.org) (<http://workforcetrainingfund.org/>) to learn more about how to use these grants to address workforce training needs.

The following is a complete list of the grant recipients awarded Workforce Training Fund Grants today (listed by community):

### **Andover**

- NEOLab was awarded \$147,400 to train 111 workers; 4 additional jobs are expected by 2021.

### **Attleboro**

- Sensata Technologies was awarded \$101,500 to train 420 workers; 13 additional jobs are expected by 2021.

### **Avon**

- Boston Orthotics and Prosthetics was awarded \$135,000 to train 52 workers; 3 additional jobs are expected by 2021.

## **Bedford**

- Dale Engineering & Son was awarded \$106,600 to train 49 workers; 6 additional jobs are expected by 2021.

## **Bellingham**

- Aerial Wireless Services was awarded \$66,200 to train 26 workers; 5 additional jobs are expected by 2021.
- Antron Engineering & Machine was awarded \$88,000 to train 82 workers; 18 additional jobs are expected by 2021.

## **Beverly**

- Axcelis was awarded \$211,100 to train 305 workers; 35 additional jobs are expected by 2021.
- Goddard Technologies was awarded \$16,750 to train 24 workers; 6 additional jobs are expected by 2021.

## **Billerica**

- Epoxy Technology was awarded \$103,675 to train 55 workers; 5 additional jobs are expected by 2021.
- LAB Medical Manufacturing was awarded \$114,600 to train 57 workers; 7 additional jobs are expected by 2021.

## **Boston**

- Arrowstreet was awarded \$161,000 to train 70 workers; 6 additional jobs are expected by 2021.

- Black Ministerial Alliance of Greater Boston was awarded \$56,017 to train 27 workers; 5 additional jobs are expected by 2021. This grant was awarded to a consortium of businesses which includes Bikes Not Bombs of Boston, Lena Park CDC of Boston, and Urban League of Eastern Massachusetts of Boston.
- Children's Services of Roxbury was awarded \$246,144 to train 125 workers; 4 additional jobs are expected by 2021.
- Commercial Bank was awarded \$250,000 to train 500 workers; 55 additional jobs are expected by 2021.
- DRB Facility Services was awarded \$83,400 to train 11 workers; 65 additional jobs are expected by 2021.
- Ginkgo Bioworks was awarded \$148,305 to train 196 workers; 130 additional jobs are expected by 2021.
- Invaluable was awarded \$154,000 to train 100 workers; 12 additional jobs are expected by 2021.
- Mass Bay Credit Union was awarded \$91,000 to train 66 workers; 2 additional jobs are expected by 2021.
- Piaggio Fast Forward was awarded \$82,600 to train 42 workers; 40 additional jobs are expected by 2021.

## **Burlington**

- A.I.M. Mutual Insurance Companies was awarded \$81,965 to train 104 workers; 10 additional jobs are expected by 2021.

## **Canton**

- Ver-Tex Construction Specialist was awarded \$117,600 to train 64 workers; 25 additional jobs are expected by 2021.

## **Chicopee**

- J. Polep Distribution Services was awarded \$74,200 to train 100 workers; 15 additional jobs are expected by 2021.

## **Danvers**

- Copyright Clearance Center was awarded \$138,767 to train 281 workers; 6 additional jobs are expected by 2021. This grant was awarded to a consortium of businesses which includes Ixxus North America of Danvers.

## **Devens**

- SMC Ltd. was awarded \$198,800 to train 69 workers; 50 additional jobs are expected by 2021.

## **Fall River**

- BankFive was awarded \$170,800 to train 186 workers; 8 additional jobs are expected by 2021.
- Center for Sight was awarded \$63,075 to train 13 workers; 2 additional jobs are expected by 2021.

## **Framingham**

- Charles River Insurance Brokerage was awarded \$124,240 to train 41 workers; 13 additional jobs are expected by 2021.

## **Franklin**

- The New England Appliance & Electronics Group was awarded \$135,200 to train 87 workers; 25 additional jobs are expected by 2021. This grant was awarded to a consortium of businesses which includes AMA Nantucket of Nantucket, George Washington Toma TV & Appliance of East Weymouth, Henry's Electric of Lee, Hudson Appliance Center of Hudson, and R.E. Cluett of Ware.

## **Gloucester**

- Freudenberg Medical was awarded \$165,600 to train 35 workers; 13 additional jobs are expected by 2021.

## **Greenfield**

- SWM-Argotec was awarded \$110,600 to train 30 workers; 6 additional jobs are expected by 2021.

## **Hadley**

- UMass Five Credit Union was awarded \$174,241 to train 116 workers; 14 additional jobs are expected by 2021.

## **Haverhill**

- Pentucket Bank was awarded \$146,000 to train 105 workers; 3 additional jobs are expected by 2021.

## **Holyoke**

- Conklin Office Furniture was awarded \$48,820 to train 72 workers; 0 additional jobs are expected by 2021.

## **Hudson**

- Precision Coating (PCCI) was awarded \$75,430 to train 24 workers; 20 additional jobs are expected by 2021.

## **Lawrence**

- Imagine That was awarded \$69,883 to train 73 workers; 26 additional jobs are expected by 2021.

## **Lexington**

- OmniGuide was awarded \$135,500 to train 35 workers; 2 additional jobs are expected by 2021.

## **Littleton**

- ETM Manufacturing was awarded \$61,201 to train 25 workers; 14 additional jobs are expected by 2021.

## **Lowell**

- DS Smith was awarded \$244,950 to train 156 workers; 12 additional jobs are expected by 2021. This grant was awarded to a consortium of businesses which includes Interstate Container Lowell of Lowell.
- Enterprise Bank was awarded \$17,500 to train 340 workers; 6 additional jobs are expected by 2021.

## **Marlborough**

- Atlas Travel & Technology Group was awarded \$174,016 to train 92 workers; 9 additional jobs are expected by 2021.
- New England Cryogenic Center was awarded \$42,160 to train 37 workers; 2 additional jobs are expected by 2021. This grant was awarded to a consortium of businesses which includes National Dental Pulp Laboratory of Marlborough, and New England Cord Blood Bank of Marlborough.
- New England Optical Systems was awarded \$76,450 to train 24 workers; 6 additional jobs are expected by 2021.

## **Medford**

- BOND was awarded \$243,600 to train 201 workers; 20 additional jobs are expected by 2021.

## **Merrimac**

- James F. Mullen Company was awarded \$112,730 to train 48 workers; 1 additional jobs are expected by 2021.

## **Millbury**



- County Heat Treat was awarded \$46,000 to train 13 workers; 2 additional jobs are expected by 2021.

### **New Bedford**

- Joseph Abboud Manufacturing Company was awarded \$249,200 to train 158 workers; 20 additional jobs are expected by 2021.
- Milhench Supply Co was awarded \$39,000 to train 35 workers; 4 additional jobs are expected by 2021.

### **Newburyport**

- Mark Richey Woodworking and Design was awarded \$159,650 to train 87 workers; 8 additional jobs are expected by 2021.

### **Northborough**

- Kyra Medical was awarded \$39,490 to train 7 workers; 1 additional jobs are expected by 2021.

### **Norwood**

- Manufacturing Resource Group was awarded \$84,000 to train 72 workers; 4 additional jobs are expected by 2021.
- Reliable Respiratory was awarded \$58,680 to train 24 workers; 100 additional jobs are expected by 2021.

### **Peabody**

- AES Corporation was awarded \$57,200 to train 38 workers; 2 additional jobs are expected by 2021.

### **Pittsfield**

- General Dynamics Mission Systems was awarded \$189,030 to train 175 workers; 230 additional jobs are expected by 2021.

## **Quincy**

- Environmental Partners was awarded \$120,320 to train 48 workers; 4 additional jobs are expected by 2021.

## **Rockland**

- Rockland Federal Credit Union was awarded \$199,040 to train 187 workers; 6 additional jobs are expected by 2021.

## **Shrewsbury**

- Industrial Polymers & Chemicals was awarded \$39,400 to train 36 workers; 10 additional jobs are expected by 2021.

## **Taunton**

- Green Brothers Fabrication was awarded \$62,400 to train 14 workers; 5 additional jobs are expected by 2021.

## **Walpole**

- Acumentrics RUPS was awarded \$55,550 to train 40 workers; 5 additional jobs are expected by 2021.

## **Waltham**

- Newburg & Company was awarded \$59,712 to train 30 workers; 2 additional jobs are expected by 2021.
- Vantage Builders was awarded \$26,500 to train 43 workers; 4 additional jobs are expected by 2021.

## **West Wareham**

- Calorique was awarded \$31,500 to train 8 workers; 3 additional jobs are expected by 2021.

## **Westfield**

- Savage Arms was awarded \$238,485 to train 67 workers; 54 additional jobs are expected by 2021.

## **Westwood**

- Nano-C was awarded \$49,000 to train 27 workers; 7 additional jobs are expected by 2021.

## **Weymouth**

- Menemsha Solutions was awarded \$17,665 to train 18 workers; 4 additional jobs are expected by 2021.

## **Wilmington**

- Xenon Corporation was awarded \$117,600 to train 47 workers; 5 additional jobs are expected by 2021.

## **Woburn**

- Skyworks Solutions was awarded \$103,600 to train 32 workers; 10 additional jobs are expected by 2021.

## **Worcester**

- General Wire Products was awarded \$28,200 to train 31 workers; 2 additional jobs are expected by 2021.
- MassMEP was awarded \$44,800 to train 26 workers; 14 additional jobs are expected by 2021. This grant was awarded to a consortium of businesses which includes Epoxy Technology of Billerica, ETM Manufacturing of Littleton, F & M Tool and Die of Leominster, Northeast Biomedical of Tyngsboro, Precision Fabricators of Stoughton, and The Falmer Associates of Salem.

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